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The reply filed on 16 January 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not include an election of the peptide to be examined even though the requirement was traversed. Please see page 3, paragraph "2", lines 8-12 which clearly state that each peptide lacks unity of invention and that a single peptide must be elected for examination. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

In an attempt to further prosecution, Applicant is again notified of the non-entry of the preliminary amendment of 07 March 2000. It is noted that Applicant has failed to submit an amendment correcting the deficits noted in paper #10 at page 2. Applicant is also advised that the amended claims of paper #8 (filed 20 July 2001) are confusing to the point that examination may be hindered. It is strongly suggested that Applicant correct this situation prior to examination (see paper #10 at page 2). Additionally, some of the claims are not in

compliance with the sequence rules which requires that a sequence identifier be used whenever a sequence is presented (see claim 1 for example). The claims must be in compliance before the application can be examined. Applicant is urged to review the claims and correct this oversight.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Christine J. Saoud, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-7519. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7AM to 3PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached on (703) 308-4623.

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